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Irma Pioneer Laid to Rest

OLAF LARSON, IRMA
PASSED AWAY DEC. 25, 1943

Born April 20th, 1873, at Chicago, Ill., moved to Arlington, S. Dak., in 1880, where he attended public school and college at Vermillion, S. Dak., later he attended the University at Valparaiso, Indiana. He was married in 1899 to Jennie Kempe at Arlington, S. Dak., and brought his family to his homestead in Alberta in 1908.

Being one of the pioneers of the district he was a chartered member of the Lutheran church congregation, and was well known for his love of music, having led many choirs, also organized and was the leader of the Coal Springs Band for a number of years.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife and four children: one son, Alfred, of Vancouver, B.C., and three daughters, Mrs. P. M. Spring, Irma; Mrs. H. Olson and Mrs. J. A. Taylor, both of Edmonton. Four grandchildren, Ronald, Catherine and Margery, of Vancouver; and Oren, of Irma. One sister, Mrs. B. Austad and one twin brother, Ole, both of Arlington, S. Dak. Pallbearers were Elmer Erickson, Martin Knudson, Robert Kasten, J. B. Gulbraa, Albert Johnson and Olaf Lovig. Beautiful floral tributes were received from: The family, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Larson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sellstedt and boys, Guy Strand, Tina and Carl, Ted, Clara and Joyce, Martin Jacobs and family, and Erlend Lindquist and family; Mr. Henry Kasten and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kasten; Mr. P. E. Jones and family, Gilbert, Elsie and Martin; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ostad, J. B. Gulbraa and family; Mrs. Lindquist and Isaac; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lovig, Obert, Mabel and family; Hankin Vera and family; Walter and Mabel Erickson and Jack and Alice Fletcher; Mr. J. A. Hedley; Maxine, Louie and family; Mrs. R. A. Larson, Erling and Goldie; Mr. N. Fuder and Mr. and Mrs. F. Fuder, Alf, and Merle; Mr. and Mrs. Burton, May and Sigvard; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fuder and family; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knudson and family.

Memorial Gifts

To Lutheran Hour—Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Erickson and family.
To Bethany Sunset Home—Sharon Ladies' Aid.

To Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute—From: Mr. and Mrs. M. Fluevog, Mr. and Mrs. S. Fluevog, Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Reitan.
To Bethany Old Peoples' Home—From: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Larson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hallingen, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Knudson, Sharon Ladies' Aid, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Knudson.

The funeral services were conducted from the Sharon Church, on December 29th. Rev. Stolee officiated. He was laid to rest in the Sharon cemetery.

Just a sweet memory is all that is left.

Of one of the dearest, and one of the best;

His kindly ways and smiling face
No one can ever take his place.
Time takes away the edge of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.

The Phillips postoffice closed today, and from now on all mail usually received at that office will be distributed at the Viking office. Do not send any further mail to Phillips postoffice.

W. T. Shaw Passed Away Suddenly

W. T. SHAW

On December 8 our whole community was shocked to hear of the sudden passing of one of its most respected citizens, namely, Mr. T. W. Shaw.

Thomas Wesley Shaw, son of Wellington and Fanny Howden Shaw was born in Seneca, Haldimand County, Ontario, on September 12, 1867. He lived from early boyhood until young manhood near Hamilton, in Glasford. In September, 1900, he married Bella Armstrong, coming west; and in 1906 to Strathcona, and two years later to the Irma district, where he homesteaded five miles practically all the remaining years until the fall of 1941, when he and Mrs. Shaw returned to live in Edmonton.

Besides his wife, he leaves two brothers, Wellington, of Jeanette Creek, Ont., and Albert, of Toronto. Two brothers, John and Milton, and one sister, Mrs. A. G. Walker, passed on some years ago. Funeral services were held in the Hainstock funeral parlors. Both here and at the home the many floral tributes spoke their messages of love, sympathy, beauty and the promise of eternal life.

By Mr. Shaw conducted a very comforting service basing his thoughts about the Twenty-third Psalm, emphasizing that the Lord "is" our Shepherd and that shepherding goes on through what we now call our past—through our present, and into our futures, these making a perfect unity. Eternal life is not mere existence, but eternal growth and progress.

He also read a tribute from Rev. M. L. Wright, a former pastor. He spoke of the integrity and the industry of the deceased, his hatred of all sham or pretence, summing it up in these words: "A Christian gentleman."

New and old friends of the family bore this body to its last rest, and interment was made in Mount Pleasant cemetery. The bearers were: Mr. Olsen, Mr. Collin McLean, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Reeds.

L.O.B.A. WHIST SERIES

Owing to sickness and the very busy season it was impossible to find a suitable time to hold a fourth whist drive in the series for 1943. And as all books and accounts must close at the end of the year it was decided at the annual meeting of the L.O.B.A. to total the scores for the three games on the records and award a small prize for the highest ladies' and gentlemen's score, and start the new year right with a new series that will run for five or six games. The first of which will be held Saturday night, January 15th. The winners of the first series will be announced at the opening of the new series.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our kind neighbors and friends for their sympathy and help, especially those who so generously lent their time and cars during our recent bereavement. Also for the many beautiful floral tributes and funds in memoriam.

—Mrs. Jennie Larson and family.



Community Curling Rink Now Ready

CURLING IN RETROSPECT
AND IN PROSPECT

Curling like all good games began with the creation, for ever since lambs will gambol and kids will play. Curling is a game for grown-up kids, and the best thing about it they never get too old to play.

At long last we have a curling rink, one which is among the finest of its kind in Alberta, and I wager the only one which has been built entirely by voluntary labor. A friend who had had much experience with such projects said to me recently: "I have seen many such buildings begun by voluntary effort, but this is the first one I've known to be finished."

Two years ago Ted Berreth planted the idea firmly in a few Irma citizens that they must have a curling rink. Two or three days ago he came over from Hardisty and helped us to paint the rings on the ice. Ted was selected as the president of our Curling Club two years ago. The remaining members of his executive were Jack Fletcher, Duke Ott, Stan Brown and Stan Reeds. When Ted left us his mantle fell on Stan Brown, and so unflinching have Stan's efforts been, that with the help of about a dozen he has made this dream for Irma come true.

Of course, we could never have secured the necessary materials in wartime for this rink had we not salvaged practically everything we needed for it except the shingles from the old hardware building. This old building was on the point of being sold for taxes when we secured it from the village council on the understanding that we wreck it and use the materials for a village and community curling rink. This by patient and persistent effort has been done.

We are grateful to all who helped us. Without the help and co-operation of the village council we could have done little. Without the aid of Mr. Longmire's skill in planning and supervising we could have got nowhere. Then, too, the ladies raised the morale and restore our failing energies by the coffee and sandwiches they supplied us those hot, long Wednesday afternoons.

Our rink opened auspiciously on New Year's Day. On the following Monday the rink was crowded till midnight. Let us then, yield to the play instinct implanted in us by our wise Creator, and enjoy the fruits of the labor of the promoters of this rink, for they did not build this playhouse for any select few, but for every son of Adam and daughter of Eve who has the muscle to throw a rock and use a broom. Now, let's all curl!

WANTED—Girl required to operate egg station. Apply Employment and Selective Service Office, Edmonton, Alberta. Refer Order A-209.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE WAINWRIGHT SCHOOL DIVISION, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1943

Members present: T. C. Sanders, Vice-President; F. E. Dixon, M. J. Nicholson, R. W. Patterson. In the absence of Mr. H. E. Spencer, Mr. Sanders acted as chairman.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that we invite the Edgerton Board or its representative to attend the next meeting of the Divisional Board to be held at the office on January 20th, 1944.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that we contact the Deputy Minister by telephone and obtain a definite ruling regarding the disposal of Trust Accounts as held by Schools within the Division.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that the amount of \$11.20 be paid to the Sask. Mutual Fire Insurance Co. re Plaxtonville School District.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that Certificate of Permanency be completed in connection with the employment of Miss Vera Arthur as Librarian and that Henry E. Spencer, chairman, and Herbert T. Couits, Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to sign said Certificate of Permanency.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson that we adjourn until 1:30 p.m.—Carried. Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Patterson that piano be purchased from Mr. S. M. New for the sum of \$125.00, same to be used in Willow View School. Amount to be deducted from Trust Account.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that Mr. Reeds' request for High School reference texts be complied with.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that the matter of opening Empire School be left in the hands of Mr. H. E. Spencer and Mr. H. T. Couits.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that Auditor's report be tabled until next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that Accounts in the amount of \$13,378.05 be paid and the same incorporated in the Minutes.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that additional Accounts in the amount of \$11,151.27 be paid and the same be incorporated in the Minutes.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Patterson that we adjourn until 6:45 p.m.—Carried. Meeting was called to order at 6:45.

Delegates of the Teachers' Salary Schedule Committee met with the Board to discuss changes in salary schedule.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that Mr. Sanders, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Couits act as a committee to discuss salary schedule proposals. A convenient date to be arranged by the committee for this matter.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that we adjourn.—Carried.

News of Our Boys

WO Ray Locke left for an Eastern Air Station again last Tuesday evening after taking a special course in Alberta, and having a short visit at his home.

A fair percentage of our boys who are stationed at western points got home for Christmas or New Year's. Among those who were home for Christmas are, Lac Melvin Knudson, from Dauphin; A. C. Milne and R. H. Smith, from Souris; FO R. H. Simmerman and Aircraftman E. A. Allen, from Saskatoon; Sgt. Lloyd Erickson and wife, from Yorkton; Albert Soneff, from Shepard; W. Dunbar, K. Reitan and Jas. Stead. Those on New Year's leave included Pte. Ronald Thurston, Herbert Lewis, Sgt. A. Hockett, from Camrose; Sgt. Sigurd Fluevog, Lac John Archibald, from the West Coast; Lac Leslie Elliott and wife, from Edmonton; and Donald Goodwin.

Bdr. Aaron Friesen has returned to Canada from England because of illhealth.

It is reported that Robt. Whiteley has remustered to air crew, and will return to Canada shortly for training.

Pte. Frank Voros who was home on New Year's leave from the west coast, left for his station last Wednesday morning.

Red Cross Notes

The annual meeting of the Irma Red Cross Branch was held Tuesday evening, but owing to the sudden change in the weather, only the executive were present.

The secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. H. Ott gave a very splendid and concise report of the year's work financially, for which he received a most hearty vote of thanks for the time and work he has put in keeping the books in this splendid way.

The War Work Board showed a good report of work well done. Six hundred and sixty-eight pieces of work having been shipped out the last year. This is quite a reduction for last year, but the loss of a large number of splendid workers and the curtailment of some phases of the work accounts for this decrease. Of these articles shipped, 75 were large wool comforters, for which a hearty vote of thanks goes to the V. V. W's, a Red Cross branch from Strawberry Plains. They can take the credit for at least one third of this number. There was also 245 pairs of men's socks, and 104 pieces of children's and baby clothing.

At the close of the meeting it was moved by Mrs. Tripp, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the complete list of officers be reinstated for another year. With a wish and a prayer that they won't be too much longer in need for work of this kind.

It was found that due to the condition of the stove, and it being so hard to heat the building the Legion Hall would be unfit for use in sewing while the cold weather lasts, so permission was given to use Hedley's Hall for January and February. Ladies, please note the change of halls.

Ladies, Here's Your Chance to Curl

A meeting of Irma ladies who are interested in curling was held at the home of Mrs. Longmire last Monday evening. Twelve ladies attended and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. C. Milne, Vice-President, Mrs. B. A. Sather, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Robt. Smith, Schedule Committee, Mrs. Longmire and Mrs. Black. The remainder of the members were elected to the entertainment committee. Any ladies interested in curling please see the secretary, Mrs. Smith.

The house will feel warmer if chairs and sofas are moved away from outside walls. There may be as much as 10 degree difference in the temperature of room near an outside wall.



UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, January 9th.
Irma—Sunday School—11 a.m.
Public Worship—7:30 p.m.
Services at the outside appointments will be discontinued until further notice.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN

Regular afternoon service will be held Sunday, January 9th, at 2:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Irma Tabernacle—2:15 p.m. in Bible School.
Classes for all.
3:30 p.m.—Gospel Service.
Gospel Service—8:30 p.m.

A hearty welcome to all.
"Behold I am the Lord the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for me? There is nothing too hard for thee."—Jer. 32:17, 27.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM PREMIER MANNING

I am grateful for this opportunity to extend for the first time as Premier the sincere best wishes of myself and colleagues to all for a happy and prosperous and victorious New Year.

As we stand on the threshold of 1944 we can look with assurance into the future with greater confidence than we have known during the past year and a half years of war. We have the encouraging assurances of our highest military leaders that if each of us does his or her share victory may crown our efforts in 1944. During the past year we have witnessed with admiration the heroic achievements of the forces of the United Nations. We have learned with justifiable pride and undying gratitude of the gallant feats of arms performed by Canada's own fighting sons.

While cheering news comes from the battle fronts of the world we may also find much at home to sustain our bright outlook. Our production levels have soared to unprecedented heights; our harvests have been bountiful and our people in all walks of life are working together with one united purpose—to hasten the day when loved ones will at long last be reunited, and when the din of battle will give way to a just and enduring peace, but let us not be satisfied with what has been achieved. Our task is not yet finished. Let us therefore go forward into the New Year united and resolute in determination to stand shoulder to shoulder with our fighting sons in the hour of their supreme test, and to do all in our power to make Canada a country worthy of their magnificent sacrifice.

We would do well as a people to adopt as a national resolution for the coming year the memorable words of Abraham Lincoln: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan to do all which we may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

E. C. MANNING, Premier.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Do you throw away half the food value of oranges? Lots of people do when they strain the breakfast orange juice. Serve it pulp and all—needs can be picked out with a fork. Or better still serve orange slices. And, by the way, if oranges and lemons are soaked for a few minutes in hot water before squeezing you'll get a lot more juice.

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The War Against Japan

THE RECENT CAIRO CONFERENCE, at which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek conferred with Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, resulted in the clarification of Allied aims in the war against Japan. The statement issued at the conclusion of the conference, pledging the Allies to bring about the complete extermination of the Japanese Empire, is an answer to critics who from time to time have suggested that the greater part of our force is directed against Germany, and that when the war in Europe has ended, there might be a slackening in the effort to continue the war against Japan. The aims agreed to at the conference are also most heartening to the people of China, and to those in the many territories in the Pacific which have been seized by the Japanese. The pledges of the three leaders at the Cairo Conference have given promise for an entirely new era in the Orient, and one in which the fear of Japanese aggression will be removed forever.

Admiration For Chinese People

There is general admiration for the people of China, who have so steadfastly resisted the Japanese invaders. For a considerable time they fought alone, and even after Britain and the United States became their Allies, geographical difficulties have made it impossible to assist them effectively with supplies and equipment. The plight of the Chinese people at this time is grave. Dr. T. F. Telang, the Chinese delegate to the recent United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Conference, reported that of China's normal population of 220,000,000, Japan holds 200,000,000, and there are many thousands of refugees. The long war, which commenced in 1937, has also brought to China serious economic difficulties. Lack of supplies have forced prices to rise, and this increase has in some cases gone as high as 120 times the normal level. In addition, Japanese propaganda has been used to undermine Chinese morale wherever possible, and the declaration of Allied aims in the Pacific is of great importance to China at this time.

War In Pacific Affects Canada

Canada's concern in the war against Japan is considerable. Canadian soldiers took part in the defense of Hong Kong and fought heroically against overwhelming odds. Many of them are now prisoners of the Japanese, as are numerous Canadian civilians who were in the Orient when war broke out there. In addition, Canada has an extensive coastline on the Pacific Ocean, which would be vulnerable to Japanese attack. This area is protected and many Canadian servicemen are on active duty there. Japan was for some time in possession of several of the Aleutian Islands, which are not far from our shores, and Canadian forces are now helping to defend this region. It has recently been suggested that bases on our West Coast might be used in a large-scale offensive in the Pacific. Whatever the extent of our participation, Canadians share with the other Allies the determination to see the complete destruction of the Japanese Empire and the establishment of independence and freedom in the Orient.



HEALTH LEAGUE OF CANADA

EATING SHOULD BE FUN!

Everyone agrees with the statement "Eating Should Be Fun," but do we try to make all our meals enjoyable? Let us consider the reason why our families do not like, and consequently do not eat, all the food we cook. First of all, you must be a good cook. If you are not a good cook, then why are you not? Do you not follow recipes carefully, or have you not had enough experience? Make up your mind that your meals will be not only nutritious but interesting, bringing out the natural flavour of each food. Nutritious meals are no good to your family if they are not eaten. Maybe your family have lagging appetites. This could be due to a low intake of the "B" Vitamins. Start serving them whole-grain cereal, with a tablespoonful per serving of wheatgerm each morning. Use only Canada approved bread (white or brown), or better still, whole-wheat bread. Their intake of Vitamin "B" may also be low. Do you start each day with a serving of orange, grapefruit, or tomato? You should. The most unpopular type of food is usually vegetables. The dislike for vegetables may be due to carelessness in cooking, or lack of seasoning. For children's meals, the use of a little salt (iodized salt is recommended). Try one of these combinations: the next time you are cooking vegetables and want them to be eaten with gusto—The addition of lemon juice or vinegar to greens (spinach, cabbage, beet tops); these sauce on bland vegetables (cauliflower, celery, potatoes); Onions and tomatoes add interesting flavours to sauces for vegetables. Pickles, relishes, catsup, chili sauce and mustard all help in making ordinary foods extra appealing, but they should not be used too often. Vegetables have various degrees of flavour—bland, savory, strong, and mild. Do not have more than one strong-flavoured food at a meal, or more than one bland-flavoured vegetable. Study your menus with this idea of contrasted flavours in view. You will find by starting your meals with a strong-flavoured food that your family's appetite will be sharpened. Never use a sweet food at the beginning of a meal as it dulls the appetite.

After you have chosen the right flavoured food, you must consider the texture and shape of the foods served. You should serve at least one crunchy or crisp food with each meal—celery, raw carrots or raw turnip strips, apple or cabbage salad. Have only one creamed food and one sauce or gravy. Do not present everything in the same shape. A plate consisting of creamed potatoes, mashed turnip, and a mound of meat loaf is not as inviting as one containing baked potato, mashed turnip, cold slaw, and a square of meat loaf.

You will find in serving a three-course meal that a contrast will make it more interesting. Compare these two—a cold first course (tomato cocktail), a hot main course, and a cold dessert (fruit cup); or hot soup, hot main course, and steamed pudding. You will agree that the first meal is more appealing. Last, but by no means the least important, is colour contrast. Since our meals must have eye-appeal as well as taste-appeal, a pleasing colour plan helps to make good food more appealing. As you know, the fruit and vegetables rich in colour are usually those highest in Vitamins and Minerals. You may combine white, green, yellow and red vegetables together with a pleasing effect. Two red vegetables rarely look well together. Remember, do not have an all-white or colourless plate. If you do, you are attacking your problem of making eating fun, with a handicap. Next time you are planning your menus and you want your family to enjoy their meals, consider along with the cost of the food, contrast in flavour, texture and colour of the food, and don't forget the seasonings.

GOOD SUPPLY OF SEEDS

The agriculture department said that there now are adequate supplies of most varieties of vegetable seeds in Canada to meet domestic needs and provide for shipment of "several million pounds" to Britain. A seed production program was arranged last spring by the agriculture supplies board. It was successful, the department said, and plans now are well advanced to extend it into next year.



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Divine Justice In Berlin

Realism Of A German Proverb Is Seen In Stricken City

Leipziger Strasse and Friedrich Strasse, main downtown shopping streets, are evidently in shambles. There is a poetic justice discernible in the fact that most important shops along these busy streets were, in the days before Hitler, owned by Jews. The Nazis dispossessed the Jews and handed these properties, many valued at millions, over to powerful party members.

A German proverb says: "Goods acquired unlawfully bring no luck." How many Nazi shopkeepers think of this proverb as they stand before the ruins of their businesses.—New York Times.

Canadians Arrive In Italy



A British military policeman, left, and an American M.P., right, "check in" the first Canadian soldiers off a troop ship carrying Canadian soldiers as they disembark at an Italian port.

Calendar Of Seasons Praise For Canada

Tries To Convince Us Exactly When Change Takes Place

When you look out the south window and see the sun starting up in the face, it's winter, and no use going to the thermometer or the calendar to prove the sun is wrong. It certainly isn't fall, even though custom insists that the solstice marks winter's official entry. Fall is pretty well finished, in this latitude, by the end of November.

As a matter of fact, the equinoxes and the solstices are arbitrary limits set up by those who were more interested in quaterning the year than in facing the reality of weather. Maybe a little more sun-burn and chiblain and a little less eyestrain over astronomical tables would have provided a better calendar of the seasons. Why, after all, do we have to say, "Well, spring is here," in the midst of late March's sleety rain, and tuck our muffler tighter about our quinned throat? And why can't we be honestly grumpy the last week in November and say, "Yeah, the winter has already got my corns on edge." Instead of shrugging it off with a bright, "Brisak autumn day, isn't it?" chattered out through teeth that are clicking like refrigerated castanets?

Well, there's the sun, streaming directly in at the south window. And taking such a short cut toward the southwestern horizon that it will put in a scant nine-hour day, when its year-round contract calls for twelve. Yes, it will be working overtime next July, but who wants more sun in July? Build up the fire. Put on a sweater. Pull those 30 per cent. wool socks. And recall that a year ago this week the temperature slid down to six below zero in this district. Oh, yes, the official temperature was only nine above. But officially it was still autumn, too.—New York Times.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly.

Britain Appreciates What Farmers Have Done In Supplying Bacon

Describing himself as "one of the boys in the back room of the British Ministry of Food since 1939," John Maud, C.B.E., Secretary to the Ministry, told the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference how he and his colleagues appreciate the part Canadian farmers are playing in providing Britain with bacon.

With the collapse of the Low Countries in 1940 and the consequent loss of bacon supplies from across the channel, there was no possible alternative to obtaining bacon from Canada. If Britain were to continue fighting, "A miracle had to happen if the British Ministry of Food were to keep people fed, and we of the British Ministry appreciate the part the people of Canada have played in making possible this miracle. We shall not forget," said Mr. Maud.

"Breakfast is the one meal in the day that is rather unsatisfactory," he said. "For most of us it consists of tea, toast with little margarine to spread on the toast and less margarine to spread on the marmalade. There is no porridge, because of the milk shortage, is rather thick. Did we not have the four-course bacon ration, it would be impossible for us to have even the one cooked breakfast to which we look forward every week."

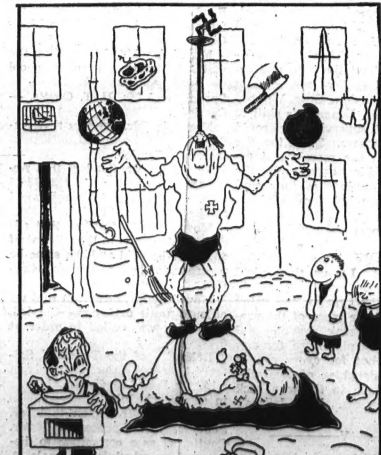
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Major Community Role Played By Lumber Dealers

Review of Constructive Service Rendered in Town and Country, Aided by Technical Co-operation.

(One of a series of articles about your community lumber merchant, by F. C. Pickwell, well-known western newspaper writer)

The United Nations have proven the wisdom of unity of purpose in the greatest military operations in world history. War strategists plan their campaigns on a settled basis of one for all and all for one. In no other way could victory be assured for defenders of freedom and justice throughout the globe. Selfish national and individual ambitions have no place in this outstanding melodrama of all time.

There is a moral in this policy for business organizations and Canadians generally on the home front. There has never been greater need for genuine team-work, if our men in uniform overseas are to be assured their sacrifices have not been in vain. The great majority have been a source of inspiration, but too many provide evidence of preferred selfishness and personal ambitions. It is tragic contrast with the heroic deeds of our boys in the fighting zones.

The value of wisely directed teamwork is frequently exemplified in community life. For instance, that impressive spirit has long been demonstrated by the small town newspapers, which invariably place local interests first and rarely have cause to get excited over accumulated profits on the ground at all times, they are rarely carried away by momentary oratorical demagogues.

Another valuable balancing community influence is the local lumber and supply dealer. He intimately is a rock of common sense and sound judgment, based on practical experience. His business life has been spent largely in the wing of an unfolding drama depicting ambitions and realizations of some folk of town and country. No one appreciates more fully the value of real co-operation.

These bulwarks of business and family life have been typified through the prairie provinces since early in the century. Their initiative and self-reliance in behalf of their respective communities made Western Canada what it is today—something to be proud of. That is the type freedom our soldiers are fighting for, while on the other hand aspiring economic reformers are clamoring for state control of the entire enterprise and wealth—with a few self-appointed leaders in charge of the regiment.

That was Hitler's idea. Over a period of some thirty-five years as a western newspaperman, I have been able to see the able enthusiasm over the periodical spotlighting of these flamboyant theorists. There have been many in varying forms. Once the oratorical froth of the agitators faded out of the picture, little of a constructive nature remained. It was something, but nothing is a cheap and vicious practice, and inevitably results in the public getting nothing for something.

While promoters got any temporary profits, or a job for themselves. Judge Gary, eminent United States attorney general, once made this comment: "Show me an industry that has learned the lesson of true co-operation within itself, and I will show you an industry that has succeeded; one in which efficiency is pooled; where the best thought of the leaders of the industry is used for its development along the lines which bring the utmost individual benefit to all."

The wisdom of this judgment is beyond dispute, and the principle is worthy of emulation in any post-war policies. It has worked in some of our large western industries to the satisfaction of employers and employees. The reasoning is sound. Freed of organized agitators the average man thinks clearly and appreciates a fair deal, fringed with proper consideration for human relations.

Much the same policy has been in vogue for many years among the local lumber and supply dealers throughout the prairies and British Columbia. There are about one thousand yards, and ninety per cent. of them are members of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Assn. Through their organization they aim to practice the standard of co-operation and pooled efficiency for the good of all, as prescribed by Judge Gary, in their various communities.

Price-setting is not a part of their general policy. In fact, it is no secret that competition always prevails among association members. Individual initiative and service to the public remain the chief objectives of the lumber industry. From the public point of view there is no cause for complaint. The average net profit on sales over a period of six years was only 2.57 per cent.

One clause in their constitution dealing with limitations and restrictions states: "No rules, regulations or bylaws shall be adopted in any manner stifling competition, limiting production, restraining trade, regulating prices or pooling profits. . . . No coercive measures of any kind shall be practiced or adopted toward any retailer." That is fair enough, and is practiced in community business relations.

The spirit developed among members of the association is one of constructive co-operation. That is borne out in the central architectural department. While the local dealer is a man of many parts, insofar as the intricate angles of the lumber industry

are concerned, he is not an expert draftsman. That requires professional skill to be of real value to customers. This problem was solved by establishing an efficient staff of central headquarters in Winnipeg, supported jointly by the membership. Modern detailed plans are now available to members at nominal cost for practically any type of building.

One educational feature of the association is a training course for new members on the fundamentals of the industry. This takes the form of special studies on drafting and estimating, and it has been gratifying to learn that many accounts considered hopeless at one time have been cleared up during the more prosperous war years—thus tending to confirm one's faith in human nature.

Membership in the Western Retail Lumbermen's Assn. includes those handling lumber, builders' supplies and other material required in home and farm buildings. It is an organization that merits public confidence.

Ready To Fight

Korea Just Waiting Opportunity To Get Back At Japan

Japan began her career of expansion with the conquest of Korea. This jutting peninsula represents her first foothold on the Asiatic mainland, and the subjugation of the Korean people served as the pattern for the occupation of Manchuria and the attempt to dominate China. No doubt the master minds of Nippon are all primed to apply the same design and methods in Malaya, the Netherlands Indies, Burma, wherever they succeed in imposing their shotgun rule on the populations of the East.

But Korea exemplifies the flaw in the grandiose pattern, for Japan has never been able to tame the first and last conquered. Annexed in 1910, the Korean people, 25,000,000 strong, know from bitter experience what "brotherhood" and "co-prosperity" mean. Still a rebel nation, they are ready for any opportunity to fight for their freedom. Although the record of the democracies in keeping their pledges to respect Korean independence is nothing to be proud of, and our alliance with Japan in the last war prevented the extension of the right of self-determination to this subject race, the Korean leaders were inspired by the Fourteen Points to call a secret meeting to sign a declaration of independence. "Until the day of our final freedom," they affirmed in this document, "we shall always carry for the Japanese a sword in our hearts."

This is the day of Korea's opportunity, for it is obvious that the exploited Koreans in the factories of Japan form a powerful Fifth Column and that the peninsula itself is of the greatest strategic importance should Russia enter the war against Japan or should the United Nations be able to launch an offensive from Chinese territory. It is no wonder that the lost, almost forgotten voice of this hardy people rises again as the battle spreads in the Pacific. Korea is the oldest and best witness for Asia of the effects of Japanese domination. When the United Nations win she will be the first to profit by their victory. If, moreover, she can convince the other Asiatic nations that in fighting on our side they are fighting for their own freedom, her example will help to insure that victory.—Editorial from the New York Times.

ATTACK FOOD WASTE!

APPLEFORD

WAXED PAPER

NEXT TO FOOD-IT'S BEST!

MISERIES OF Baby's Cold Relieved As He Sleeps

Now... here's reliable home-proved medication that works 2 ways at once to relieve distress of child's cold—even while he sleeps! Just rub throat, chest and back with Vicks VapoRub at bed time. Instantly VapoRub starts to relieve coughing, sneezing, ease muscular soreness or tightness, and invite restful, comforting sleep. Often by morning, most of the misery is gone.

For baby's sake, try VapoRub tonight. It must be good, because when cold strikes, most mothers use Vicks VapoRub.

Handy In Arctic

Refrigerators Keep Food At Right Temperature Year Round

Esquimaux have chuckled at many of the contraptions brought to eastern Arctic trading posts by white men, but they let out hearty guffaws when wives of the white men began to import refrigerators for their frame wooden houses.

Now their laughter has subsided. Maj. D. L. McKean, superintendent of the eastern Arctic, said. Even in the Arctic where the temperature seldom stays high long enough for anything to turn sour, refrigerators are handy.

The white trader found his enemy wasn't heat but cold, which froze valuable foodstuffs when they were placed outdoors to prevent fermentation.

Partly-used cans of milk, vegetables or fruit soon froze solid and had lost their flavor when thawed out. It led to some cases of food poisoning and to waste. With the refrigerator, food is kept at the right temperature the year around.

Look Cheerful!



Look cheerful as the fire crackling on your hearth in this becoming, deep-yoked frock, Pattern 4589. It takes no time to put together, as a glance at the diagram should prove. Make it with contrasting trimming or in one fabric.

Pattern 4589 comes in misses' and women's sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32. Size 16 takes 2 1/2 yards 58-inch fabric and 1/2 yard contrast.

Send twenty cents (20) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermot Ave. E., Winnipeg, Man. "Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

A LONG JOURNEY

A Promeranian named Pete is reported to have made his way from Norfolk, Virginia, to Pothogue, Long Island, a distance of 385 miles, in a little more than three weeks. A big tale for such a little dog—New York Sun.

Three days after an eight-night blitz on the docks at Liverpool, England, every shift was working.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

"Four Flats"

By YVONNE WERNETTE
McClure Newspaper Syndicate

"Pretty swell car, huh, honey?" "It's grand, Fred," Laurel leaned close to make herself heard above the clatter of the engine and the rattle of loose fenders. "It's swell driving loose through the country like this."

"We couldn't hurry if we wanted to. Hot, honey?" "Sort of, but we're getting a nice tan."

"Sunburn would be a better word. I should have bought a roadster, with a top."

"Oh, I like it this way. It looks so sporty."

"Here's a swell wife," Fred's right arm drew her closer to him. "When I get a job we'll buy a top for the car. Hungry?"

"No, are you?" "Fred knew she was lying. She was hungry and so was he. Finding a job wasn't as easy as he had thought it would be, and their money was dwindling at an alarming rate."

"Fred, there's a car stalled up ahead."

"I'll see if we can help." As they pulled up they were surprised to see an elderly and obviously very angry gentleman smashing the windows with a heavy monkey wrench. The car had four flats.

"Can I help you, mister?" Fred offered hopefully.

"Help!" bellowed the man. "You can have 'em!" And he strode angrily up the road muttering, "Tacks! My own tacks!"

Fred and Laurel watched him in amazement. "Whew, what a temper that guy has! Wonder what he meant by his 'tacks'?"

"Tacks—flat tires. They're a natural combination."

Back of the car heavy roofing tacks were scattered over the road; in the ditch they found the smashed keg almost hidden in the grass. "Somebody must have lost this from a truck," Fred rolled it over. "Here's a name—John L. Banghart, Carterville."

"Then that's Mr. Banghart's car."

"No, this is just the name of the dealer where the tacks were bought."

"But the name fits him," Laurel insisted. "Let's look in the car. His name ought to be on his license."

The license carried the name; John L. Banghart, Carterville.

"He'll feel awful when he cools off and remembers he smashed all these windows. What a mess!"

"Yeah! It's a new car, too. Look, he left the keys. Do you suppose he meant it when he said we could have it?"

"Of course not, silly."

"I have an idea. I'll patch those tires. We'll take the car to Carterville and he'll pay us for our work. Then we'll celebrate with a real dinner this evening!"

Fred set to work eagerly, but it was late afternoon when he finished. He mopped the perspiration from his face and sank limply on to the running board.

"Well, honey, we're all set. I'll drive the terrible, tempered Mr. Banghart's car into town. You can follow me in ours. Will he be surprised?"

But they found Mr. Banghart in the same violent state in which they had first seen him. "What do you mean by driving my car without my permission? Get out! Get out before I have you arrested," he said.

Fred was too taken aback to answer. But before he climbed into his own car he summoned courage to ask a question. "Mr. Banghart, I'm looking for a job. Do you know where I can find one around Carterville?"

"No! No jobs around here." The door was slammed with shattering force.

"Where!" Laurel gasped. "What an awful man!"

"Yeah!" Fred agreed mournfully. They drove slowly down the main highway. "We'll stop in the next town and have a hamburger," said Fred without enthusiasm. He had lost his appetite.

They had gone perhaps ten miles when the wall of a siren came from the rear. A state policeman. Fred stopped the car. "Now what have we done?" he muttered.

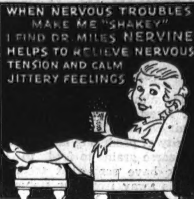
"But, officer, I wasn't speeding."

"You're under arrest for stealing a valuable package out of John L. Banghart's car."

Fred tried to protest.

"Come on, now. Turn around and head for Carterville. I'll be right behind you."

Back in Carterville the policeman



There's plenty those days to make people nervous. And overtaxed nerves can turn nights and days into misery! If you suffer in this way, try the soothing, quieting effect of Dr. Miles Nerve which contains well-known nerve sedatives. Take Nerve according to directions for help in general nervousness, sleeplessness, hysterical conditions, nervous fears; also to help headache and irritability due to nervousness. In the meantime, eat more natural food... get your vitamins and take sufficient rest. Effervescent Nerve Tablets are 35c and 75c. Nerve Liquid: 25c and \$1.00.

ordered them to go to Banghart's house. In the dusty parlor Fred protested breathlessly. "Honest, Mr. Banghart, we didn't take your package."

"Of course not!" Banghart snapped. "There was no package. I wanted you back. You said you were looking for a job, didn't you?"

"Yes."

Mr. Banghart turned to Laurel. "Can you cook?"

"Why—uh, yes," Laurel stammered.

"You bet she can cook!" Fred stated emphatically.

"You're both hired," Mr. Banghart announced.

Fred and Laurel stared at him with open mouths. Mr. Banghart's sour countenance softened.

"I own a hardware business and I need a sensible young man to help me. I fired the last one because he lost a keg of roofing tacks off the truck today where I picked them up in my tires. I've lived alone in this house since my wife died. Haven't been able to find a cook who can make an omelet the way I like it. Bring in your things! You're both staying here from now on—if you can put up with a bad tempered old man."

"You bet we can! Er—I mean—thanks a lot, Mr. Banghart!" Mr. Banghart actually smiled.

WOULD BE SATISFACTION

Henry M. Spelman, Jr., chief of the leather products and shoe section of the U.S. Office of Civilian Requirements, predicts that old tire carcasses will be used for shoe soles. Probably many pedestrians will be glad to walk on remnants of used auto which tried so hard to run over them.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

Western Wheat

Average Protein Content Of 1943 Wheat Crop Was Higher

The average protein content of the 1943 crop of western Canadian hard red spring wheat is 13.5 per cent. The board of grain commissioners' laboratory reported in Winnipeg in a final estimate.

This figure is 0.7 per cent. higher than the corresponding figure for 1942 and 0.2 per cent. lower than the average in each of the last 17 years.

The survey was made on analyses of 5,645 samples grading 1, 2, 3 and 4 Northern.

By provinces, with 1942 figures in brackets: Manitoba 13.1 (13.0); Saskatchewan 13.8 (12.9) and Alberta 13.1 (12.4) per cent.

SELECTED RECIPES

ORANGE CAKE

1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup Crown Brand Corn Syrup
2 eggs, separated
1 cup raisins, 1 orange (put through food chopper)
2 cups sifted pastry or cake flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup sour milk

Cream shortening and butter; blend in brown sugar and 1/2 cup of the corn syrup. Add beaten egg yolks; beat well, then add orange-raisin mixture and blend. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with sour milk. Beat egg whites stiff but not dry, and gradually beat into them the remaining 1/2 cup of corn syrup. Fold lightly into batter and turn into two 9" greased layer cake pans; bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 25 minutes. When cool, put together with Orange Filling and top with any desired icing. OR—Bake the cake in a greased pan 8" x 12" in a 350 degree F. oven for 35 to 40 minutes. While still warm top with grated orange rind or dust lightly with icing sugar.

Lemon Or Orange Filling

2 1/2 tablespoons Benson's or Canada Corn Starch
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup Crown Brand Corn Syrup
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup boiling water
1 egg, slightly beaten
3 tablespoons lemon or orange juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon or orange rind
1 teaspoon butter
Mix together corn starch, sugar, corn syrup and salt in top part of double boiler. Add boiling water and blend with rotary beater. Cover and cook over boiling water until clear and smooth (12 to 15 minutes), stirring frequently. Beat egg slightly, add lemon or orange juice and rind; add to hot mixture, blend, and continue cooking, covered, 3 minutes. Remove from heat and add butter; beat until creamy. Cook slightly before putting between layers of cake.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly.



JUNIOR NURSING AIDES

A Junior Nursing Aides Corps, to provide for adolescent Canadian girls an opportunity for patriotic service which is now denied many of them, would fill the bill so far as 17-year-old Thelma Parker of London, Ont., is concerned.

The Women's Division of the Health League of Canada is studying the possibilities of establishing such a corps under official auspices or through some voluntary organizations. Thelma Parker read about it in the newspapers, and here is what she wrote Mrs. J. H. Harris, president of the women's division, who proposed the project.

"I am a girl seventeen years of age, strong and healthy and ready to do my bit to help win the war, but, like you say, we haven't been given the chance and we will show you that the Junior Miss is not only strong, but patriotic, and willing to do her bit."

"Nursing is near to every girl's heart or at least fifty per cent. I myself have always wanted to be a nurse, but due to circumstances beyond my control I will never have that chance."

"We need your help more than ever you realize; the strain of every day things and the feeling that you could be doing more is very depressing."

"Again I say, give us the chance and we will do a job that will make those fighting on the front know that we are behind them."

"I could go on for pages but I know your time is valuable."

"God bless you and may you find grace and courage to carry on this great undertaking."

Gratefully yours,
Thelma Parker."

CAME FROM PERU

According to the News Bulletin of the National Geographic Society, guinea pigs are produced in South America. It seems that there are 700,000 "forgotten" guinea pigs bearing across in Colombia. The guinea pig prescribed by doctors is not native to the Netherlands Indies, the pre-war sources of supply, but a foster child left on a foreign "doorstep" less than a century ago when seeds were taken abroad from parent trees in Peru.

Here's Speedy Relief For Tender, Aching, Burning Feet

Your feet may be so swollen and inflamed that you think you can't go another step. You should know as if you are cutting into the flesh. You feel sick all over with the pain and torture; you'd give anything to get relief.

Two or three applications of Moons's Emerald Oil will in a few minutes the pain and soreness disappear.

No matter how discouraged you have been, if you have not tried Emerald Oil then you have something to learn. Get a bottle today—at all drugstores.

Tea Car Report

Excellent Service Provided To Men Overseas By Y.M.C.A.

Tpr. T. T. Montgomery, of Minnedosa, Manitoba, has been seconded by his regiment to drive Tea Car No. 1052 of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services overseas. Among the group served in October, were the 12th Manitoba Dragoon, and additional units drawn from many parts of Western Canada.

Reporting for the Tea Car Operations for the month, Tpr. Montgomery says:

"Our month's interesting experiences centred around our work on the ranges overlooking the North Sea, and our participation in 'schemes'. The four day scheme we were on was possibly the best service we have been able to contribute to date. We got around to the whole regiment at least twice, selling a fresh stock of Canadian chocolate bars, peanuts, gum, and dispensing free both tea and biscuits. I have never seen anything so much appreciated. The weather was typical of the North Sea, damp, foggy, chilly and much rain. One officer remarked: 'The Tea Wagon is certainly a great morale builder'."

Tpr. Montgomery reports that during the month of October he served a total of 8,210 men, travelled 621 miles, gave out free 34 lbs. of biscuits, and dispensed free over 225 gallons of tea.

SMILE AWHILE

"Should I marry a girl who can take a joke?"

"That's the only kind you'll get."

Smith—"So you're setting your boy up in the bakery business?"

Jones—"Yes, he's so keen on dough and such a swell loafer that I'm sure he'll rise in the business."

"What are you doing in the pantry, Ronnie?"

"Fighting temptation, mother."

"Did you say that any incompetent man could run an hotel?"

"No. I said that any inexperienced man could."

"Well, I'll be going now. Don't trouble to see me to the door."

"No trouble at all. It's a pleasure."

Floorwalker: "That customer was hanging around for a long time. What did he want to see?"

Pretty Assistant (coolly): "Me, sir."

Father—"So you love my daughter?"

Suitor—"Love her? Why, I would die for her. For one soft glance from her sweet eyes I would hurl myself off a lofty cliff—glad of the chance to sacrifice myself in her name."

Father—"Well, I forbid the marriage. I'm something of a liar myself and am in enough in a small family like ours."

"Answer me, Clara," he said in a moment of passion. "I can bear this suspense no longer."

"Answer him, Clara," echoed the old man in the hall, thinking of the light and coal bills. "I can bear this expense no longer."

"Do you know that your wife is going about telling everybody that you can't keep her in clothes?"

"That's nothing. I bought her a home and I can't keep her in that either."

Grasshopper green is to be the fashionable color in wool this spring.

The very thing for jumpers.

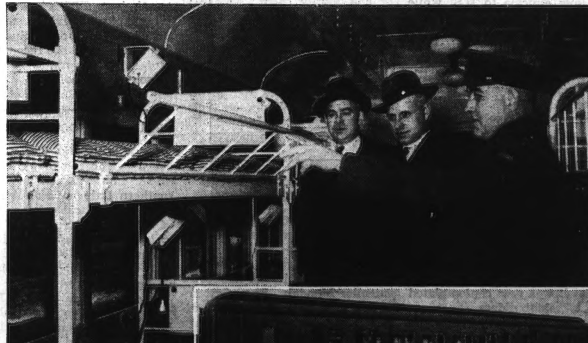
"Is this the pugilist who was run into by a motorist?" asked the house surgeon.

"No; he's the motorist who ran into the pugilist."

"Men are only grown-up boys," says a woman novelist.

The child who used to take the check to places to see how it works, now does the same to his car to see why it doesn't.

New Hospital Car Ready For Service



The third Canadian National Railways hospital car, which has just been completed in the company's shops, includes a number of important improvements over the previous types of car in use in Canada. This car, like the others, was developed by officers of the railway's medical and mechanical departments in co-operation with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. The beds are of continuous construction and interlock. One bed post serves two beds, effecting rigidity of design as well as a saving in material. Each bed is equipped with an individual bed lamp with adjustable reflector shade, ash tray and an extension call bell. Upper beds are equipped with drop-side safety guards made of the same material as the bed instead of the usual fabric. The interior color scheme now corresponds with that of modern medical institutions, a sea green for the walls, with a white ceiling and brown battlementerium for the floor. Other improvements have been made in the admitting room, and the diet kitchen and dispensary. The car, like two previous C.N.R. hospital cars, is of all steel construction and is specially designed for smooth riding comfort. The upper photo shows an officer of the R.C.A.M.C. inspecting the new car accompanied by Dr. E. E. Dowd, chief medical officer, and E. R. Battley, chief of motive power and car equipment. In the centre, an exterior view of the new car, and, below,



photo taken in one of the earlier type of cars which was included in the special hospital train carrying Canadian wounded from Halifax where they were disembarked from the hospital ship Lady Nelson, formerly flagship of the Canadian National Steamships.

LOCALS

The next meeting of the Irma Ladies' Aid will be held at the manse, on Thursday, January 13. Mrs. Ree will give the New Year's message, and assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Smallwood and Mrs. McKay. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Stuart and daughter, Mrs. Greer and baby, of Wainwright, visited at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. R. H. Ott, on New Year's Day. Visitors at the Ott home the following Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Schlitt, Mr. and Mrs. Moeen and Mr. Olsen, all of Wainwright.

Mrs. C. D. Feers and children arrived home from their holiday trip last Wednesday.

Misses Martha Berg and Phyllis Marshall and Messrs. Gordon, Gilmour and Alfred Berg; Ernest Logan and Fred Arnold, all of Edmonton, spent the New Year week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fraser have moved to a farm near Edmonton.

A profitable dance was held on New Year's eve by the Irma Victory Cigarette Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stewart (nee Deloraine Stockton), of Edmonton, were home for a visit during the Christmas holidays.

A curling schedule will be drawn up this week and any men of the district who are interested are invited to see Mr. R. H. Ott, secretary of the club.

Mrs. E. Foster, of the Irma post office staff, spent the Christmas holidays with friends at Ponoka, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Reeds visited at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Geeson, Holden, on New Year's Day.

Guests at the R. D. Smallwood home for Xmas were Mrs. Tripp, Mrs. McKay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smallwood and family and Mr. J. McKie.

Miss Susie McKay arrived home from Toronto on Tuesday to spend Xmas with her family.

Miss Irene Glasgow has resigned from her position with the Woodland Dairy in Irma. The company expects another egg grader on the job in a few days. In the meantime the eggs are being shipped to Edmonton and graded there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ott and son, Billie, spent Christmas in Wainwright with Mrs. Ott's mother, Mrs. Stuart.

The Irma Curling rink is now in operation and a number of enthusiasts, including the eldies have been trying out the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anquist and son, Harold, motored to Castor to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Webber.

Miss W. Reeves spent the holiday season at her home in the Mannville district.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fletcher and son, Jack, spent Christmas in Edmonton with Mrs. Fletcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berg.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pyle at the Wainwright Hospital, on January 5th, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hardy, of Edmonton, spent the Christmas week-end at the Hill farm. Mrs. Greenberg and sister, Miss Cecile Shaw accompanied them, and were guests at the Milne home for Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Sparrow and children, of Saskatoon, visited Mrs. Sparrow's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Simmons and other relatives through the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. S. Hlynka and family enjoyed a visit from her brother and sister over the Christmas week-end.

Clark Flinshaw came home from mAlliance to visit his mother at Christmas.

A number of Irma young people employed in Edmonton spent the Christmas week-end at their various homes, including Misses Francis Barrs, Edna Jones, Aletha Knudson, Ruth Reeds, Mrs. M. Pendleton, Jacqueline Tate, Mildred Hill, Dalton Herbert, Ted Hill and Allison Carter.

Mrs. B. H. Hadlow and children, of Edmonton, visited her former home here during the holiday.

A social evening and dance will be held in the Albert School on Friday evening, January 14. All the proceeds will go to the Red Cross Society.

The Irma C.C.F. Club will hold their annual meeting at the home of Mr. Edwin Sanders on Tuesday evening, January 11th. Every-body welcome.

"ALL FARMERS" SIXTH CONFERENCE AT WAINWRIGHT

December 14, 1943.

With a hall full of people, farmers from a large area of Wainwright and Municipality, and with some from Hardisty and other points outside, the Sixth All-Farmers Conference was held in Wainwright, Saturday, December 11, 1943.

Mr. H. E. Spencer, chairman of the Municipal Agricultural Committee, was elected chairman of the Conference.

Mr. E. R. Fay was elected Secretary.

A keen discussion took place on hog and grain prices. Three resolutions dealing with these matters were adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 1 — After co-ordination between certain pointing out the apparent lack of Federal departments in regard to Agriculture which has led to a great deal of confusion among the farmers and distrust of Federal Agricultural Policies called for.

1. The establishment of a Ministry of Food and Agricultural Production which will have charge of all plans for the production and marketing of Food and other Agricultural products required.

2. For the co-ordination of prices of grains with livestock, etc.

3. Floors to be established now and maintained after the war at guaranteed prices of 5 per cent. above cost of production.

4. Plans to be made to maintain present British Bacon ration at present level without lowering Canadian bacon supplies.

5. Sub-departments within proposed Food Ministry to assure sufficient labor and machinery to carry through the 1944 program.

6. To enable farm and farm planning that all agricultural statistics be recorded on a Municipality basis instead of a crop district basis in the West.

RESOLUTION No. 2 — Called for the equalization of delivery quotas for grain as between light crop and heavy crop districts and cars to be allocated accordingly.

RESOLUTION No. 3 — Dealt with Livestock and endorsed the Alberta Federation of Agriculture of even points adopted at Red Deer in October called for:— 1. \$20.00 per cwt. on Alberta markets for hogs.

2. Graduated penalties for over and under weight hogs in place of the present \$3.00 penalty regardless of amount of overweight.

3. Losses through delayed shipments due to labor shortage at packing plants to be borne by the Canadian Meat Board.

4. Allow exports to U.S. while labor shortage lasts.

5. Increased prices for beef cattle and sheep, to offset raises in prices for grains.

6. Open U.S. markets for cattle if labor shortage continues.

7. Sending in U.S. for cattle not purchased at levels relative to floors for beef.

RESOLUTION No. 4—On Indian Famine Relief urged the Dominion Government to do all in its power to find the ships as rapidly as possible to transport the 100,000 tons of wheat made available to India, and, if necessary to do so, to build extra ships to carry wheat. It was pointed out that ships were being built in 60 days and that it was now contemplated laying off shipbuilders.

The resolution further urged the Dominion Government to launch a campaign for funds immediately to be used to buy food and medical supplies wherever they could be got for Indian Famine Relief and to appropriate some of its own funds for that purpose.

A resolution committee of three, Messrs. H. Pugh, Fred Ford and E. P. Taylor, was elected and Ways and Means Committee was Mr. Ashton Golding and Mr. Ray Greer.

Mr. F. W. Townley-Smith, District Agriculturalist, spoke of measures being taken to control T.B. in the Camrose area and on the survey in this municipality made some time ago.

Mr. E. W. Stewart, of the Wheat Pool, also took part in the conference.

Mr. Fay gave Mr. Garneau's report to the Fifth Conference and read the Wheat and P.F.A. bonus administration costs furnished through Mr. Robert Fair. Mr. Garneau and Mr. Fair were unable to attend through sickness.

A report was also given by Mr. Fay and the Farm for Victory Committees (Supplemented by Mr. Townley-Smith) and Mr. Fay also appealed for the support of the

Kinsella Citizens Enjoy the Holidays

The Xmas season has come and gone, and we wish "A Happy New Year" to all the Kinsella folks, and may we see our boys and girls, now in uniform, back again amongst us before another year ends.

We were very pleased to see a number of our girls and boys come on leave this Christmas.

Warrant Officer John Unloeki was home, and gave those who saw him a thrilling time listening to his experiences when overseas.

FO Pender Smith, who was also home with his people, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, has returned to Edmonton, where he has been transferred from Gander, Nfld.

LAC Clifford Bowden, spent Xmas with his sister, Mrs. Jack McKie, whose husband, Sgt. J. McKie, is still overseas.

Other Christmas visitors in uniform were Pte. Mildred Turnbull, LAC's Wm. Carpenter, Frank Zelinski and Robert Stevens.

Joe and Jack Stevens left with their father on his return to Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Corbett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and family, and other members of the Arkinstall family were home as usual for Christmas.

Mr. Frank Long and Mr. Wilfrid Long were home for the holiday.

During the Christmas vacation two very enjoyable dances were held in Kinsella; one on Christmas eve, and another on New Year's eve, the latter in aid of the Red Cross.

Mr. Clayton Barker met with a very unfortunate accident during the holiday, slipping on the elevator steps. He broke three ribs, and is now in the Viking hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Richardson, of Edmonton, spent Xmas with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Smith.

The Misses Isabel and Chrissie McKie, Miss Violet Williams, Miss Irene Lancaster, of Edmonton; and the Misses H. and K. Borthwick, came home for Xmas.

Mrs. Stronach, who was down with a bad attack of the flu before Xmas, recovered enough to enjoy the company of her family, left at home, and also of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wythe.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mark's daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Winton, was home, and also Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lowney (nee Miss Lucille Mark), Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grainger and family spent Xmas at Calahan.

The Xmas service at the Kinsella United Church was very well attended, a number of our boys in uniform were there. Special music was prepared under the leadership of Mrs. P. Wangness. Leaders were sung by Mrs. Jack McKie and Mrs. W. T. Carpenter.

PAPER CONSUMPTION MUST BE REDUCED

TORONTO — Canadian newspaper publishers must reduce their consumption of paper by another 10 per cent. effectively January 1, it was announced by the newspaper controller Monday. The first reduction of like extent became effective January 1, 1943. Shortage of woodpulp production in forest areas is the cause of reduction in paper supply.

During the year now closing newspapers have met the situation by the reduction or elimination of promotion advertising, reduction in the number and size of headlines, reduction in the width and depth of comic strips, cartoons and illustrations and the elimination of syndicated features of interest to only small percentages of their readers. Coverage of important news has been remarkably maintained as a result of such economies. Careful editing is expected to meet this latest cut in allowable paper consumption without loss to the reader of essential news.

Farm for Victory movement and the Farm Radio Forums. Votes of thanks were given to Mr. Dave Shaner, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Townley-Smith, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Fay.

This, the largest and most successful, Conference in two years, adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

E. R. FAY, Secretary.

World of Wheat

By H. G. L. Strange, Director "The Crop Testing Plan."

QUALITY IN WHEAT

The almost frantic war demands for livestock products from our prairies, and the consequent necessity of producing large acreages of coarse grains to feed to livestock have somewhat taken our minds away from our stable product—wheat. My opinion, however, has always been that after the war wheat once again will be the mainstay of our prairies. For myself, I believe that European countries will tend to produce more of their own livestock products and grow less of their own wheat, simply because we can produce wheat cheaper. Once again, therefore, the quality of Canadian wheat will be of paramount importance.

This coming spring is none too soon for the farmers to endeavor energetically to maintain, and even to improve, the quality of our prairie wheat crop. There is no better way to do this than to use a few bushels of the highest quality seed, registered and sealed in the sack by the Government, and to sow this on a few acres of clean summerfallow. Such a few bushels multiplied for two or three years would supply any farmer with all the seed required for all his acreage. It would be a high quality crop, and so would bring to the farmer a greater return for his efforts, both in yield and in grade.

THE VITAL THING NECESSARY

Many schemes and plans for so-called reconstruction after the war have been proposed, and innumerable committees and study groups are looking into these matters. Some of the proposals would help, to some extent, on our prairies. But the vital thing above all that is necessary for the after-war welfare of our prairie farmer is that we shall have foreign markets for all the wheat and other farm products we can grow. If these world markets are available there would be no surpluses to press down on markets, and so the prices of agricultural products would be fair and reasonable.

The only way to assure these markets is for Canada to remove the existing restrictions to trade, such as tariffs and custom duties, which prevent goods coming into Canada from foreign countries, all so that foreign people can secure sufficient Canadian dollars with which to buy our surplus foodstuffs and commodities, and which surpluses they so badly need.

For myself, I firmly believe that to eliminate tariffs and other objectionable barriers to trade, would be of more value to our farmers than all the reconstruction proposals made put together, good as some may be.

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF FOODSTUFFS

Flour millers in Erie now must use a percentage of barley in all bread flour—Stocks of food in southern Italy have diminished to perhaps a critical point as a result of German destruction of the wheat crop and of flour mills—the Department of Agriculture predicts that U.S. pig production may decline by 16 per cent. in 1944.

The main rice crop in India is reported excellent, particularly in Bengal—Argentina estimates this season's flaxseed crop at 70,709,000 bushels compared with 60,039,000 bushels last year—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics says that at least one million bushels of wheat will be available for shipment to Europe if the war there ends in 1944.

TRAGEDY IN A MYRNAM HOUSEHOLD

Bill Whitehouse of the Mannville Mirror, who is poking 'round Vegreville this week, tells of a most sad tragedy or series of tragedies, which overtook a Myrnam farmer last week, leading him to choose a shot to end it all.

After striving all day to save the life of his very sick prize bull, it gave up the ghost and died.

Upon returning to the house, he found that the hired girl had sloped with a nearby railway section hand. But, to add more coals upon his fiery brow, he picked up a note written by his wife that she run away with the hired man.

The farmer went to a cupboard, ready to forget it all with a shot. He grabbed a bottle of Budson's Hay, O.B., and took a dandy. —Vegreville Observer.

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WILL 1944 BE THE VICTORY YEAR?

Much of the world interest happened during the last few days of 1943. President Roosevelt spoke to the Allied Nations and all else who cared to listen. He announced the appointment of Gen. Eisenhower as commander-in-chief of the invasion forces. King George spoke to the Empire and the world in an inspiring and thoughtful message. The home fleet sank the German battleship "Scharnhorst" and three destroyers also went to the bottom. Prime Minister Churchill recovered from his recent illness. The threatened railway strike and steel strike in the U.S. was averted by presidential action in taking over the railroads. These, and many other events were of great importance and significance.

The one thing uppermost in the minds of Canadians, we think, is the Allies invasion of Europe, news of which is apt to "break" at any moment. Your guess is as good as any. It is quite possible that many Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen will take part. A long casualty list may be expected and sad news will come across the ocean to many homes and families of wounded and dead in the bitter struggle. Canadians are now steeling themselves for the worst. Let's hope that the invasion will not take too large a toll of our fighting men.

Will 1944 be the Victory Year? Signs may point that way, but no one should become too optimistic and think the struggle is in the bag. In the meantime let's hope the war is over by next New Year.

MAXIMUM PRICE FOR BALING HAS IS \$3.00

EDMONTON—Maximum price under service regulations, farmers for baling hay is \$3 per ton, and need not pay more than \$3. During the basic period the price for baling hay was less — normally about \$2.50 per ton — the lesser price must now be maintained, officials of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board state. Numerous complaints have been received from farmers who have been asked from \$4.00 to \$5.00 for baling hay, in excess of the maximum price established.

FARMERS CAN GET FARM ACCOUNT BOOKS

At all times, the keeping of farm accounts has been associated with good farm management, but under war conditions a precise record of the business transactions in the yearly operation of the farm is a necessity. To assist the farmer in keeping this record, the King's Printer, Ottawa, has available a simple useful little account book. It covers all farm operations and has the great advantage that the keeping of the book does not incur a special knowledge of expert accountancy. The book is entitled "Farm Account Book," and may be obtained from the King's Printer, Ottawa, at the nominal price of 10 cents.

BERT WALTERS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT CURLING CLUB (From The Viking News)

At a meeting held in the curling rink waiting rooms Monday evening, Bert Walters was re-elected president of the Viking Curling Club, and Ken Hilliker vice-president. On account of pressure of other work G. T. Loney resigned as secretary-treasurer and Fred Reishus elected in his place. It is expected that the club will be able to muster at least ten rinks and the first competition is to commence this week. The ice is ready.

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FARMERS!—Your union is the most important part of your business. It is your interest and your duty to join. Further it is up to you to attend the meetings of your local, not to sit at home and complain because farming conditions are not satisfactory. Plan to attend the next meeting of the Irma local in Hedley's Hall. The date has been changed to January 10th, 1944, in order that Mr. Jackson might attend. A social evening is being arranged. In the meantime, tune in CFRN each Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.; CFCA each Friday at 9:15 p.m.

FARM MACHINERY RULES TIGHTENED

OTTAWA—Closer control of the purchase and sale of farm machinery and equipment under rationing marks a new consolidated order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Now, before applying for new equipment after old machinery has been sold, the farmer is required to file a statement describing the machinery sold, reasons for sale, and new machinery required. He must also secure notice from the Board's representative, W. C. Trimble, Williamson Building, Edmonton, that his application will be approved, and that the desired machinery will be available.

Applications will be taken only from farmers who actually own or lease the farm which the machinery is to be used.

Repair parts are also limited to essential sales in order to put machinery in good working order.

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